these yatri niwas /youth hostels.

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Eleven Yatri Niwases an d 33 Youth Hostels have been constructed at different places of the country. No additional rooms have been added during 1990-91 to the existing Yatri Niwases/Youth Hostels.

(c) Seventeen youth hostels were completed upto the end of 6th plan period. One Yatri Niwas and 14 youth hostels were completed during the 7th plan period. Nine Yatri Niwases and two youth hostels were completed during 1991-91. One yatri niwas has been competed during 1991-92, so far.

(d) Rents for yatri niwases are normally fixed by concerned State Governments and these are not compiled with the Central Department of Tourism. However, rents in yatri Niwas range between Rs. 20 and Rs. 50 per bed in dormitory type accommodation. Rents in the case of youth hostels have not materially changed since 1985 and the range is between Rs. 8 and Rs. 20 per bed in dormitory type accomodation.

(e) Domitories in yatri niwases/youth hostels provide lodging facilities with common bath rooms.

Fall in foreign tourist arrival

5397. SHRI PRITHVIRAJ D.CHAVAN:
PROF. ASHOK ANANDRAO DESHMUKH:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that hotel industry is facing crisis due to fall in the number of foreign tourists visiting India;

(b) whether the Government are aware that a number of hotels have to be crossed down as a result thereof; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take to attract foreign tourists?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Steps are being taken by the Government to increase the inflow of tourists to India by improving the tourism infrastructure and strengthening the marketing efforts.

Lumding-Badarpur Section (NFR)

5398. DR. JAYANTA RONGPI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS pleased to state:

(a) the number of days railway traffic was disrupted on the Lumding-Badarpur Hill section of N.F. Railway during last one year because of landslide;

(b) the total loss suffered by the Railways in terms of revenue and otherwise as a result thereof; and

(c) the steps the Government propose to take to overcome this problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The traffic was disrupted for different time durations on 23 days during 1990-91.

(b) An expenditure of Rs 1 lakh (approx.) was incurred in clearing the land slides. Revenue .loss on this account is not quantifiable.

(c) Catch water drains are being provided and slopes of the hillside are being strengthened, wherever necessary, in order to overcome the problem.

Compensation to Displaced Persons at Durg

5399. SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;